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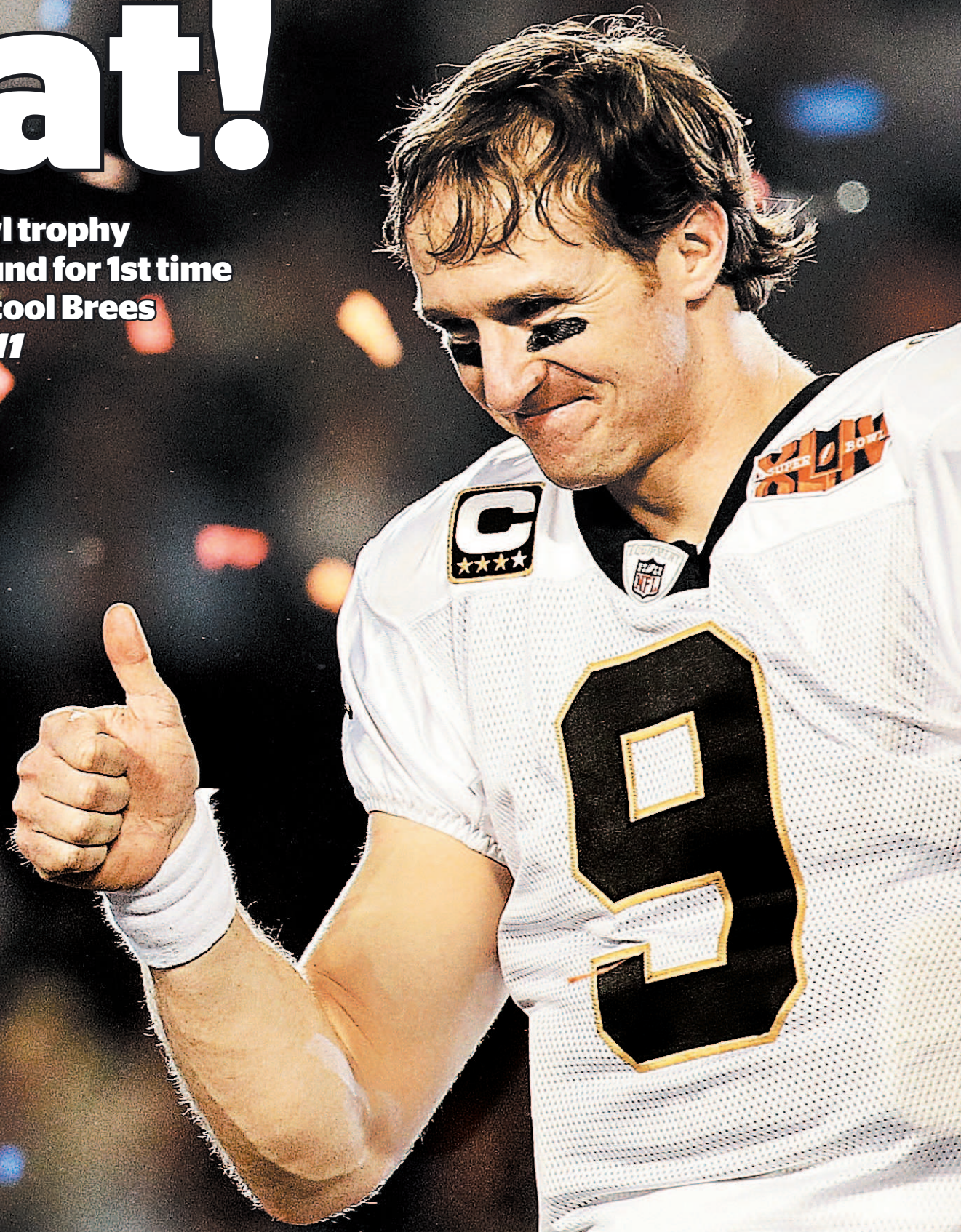
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# Palin for president?



**Palin**

Sarah Palin said she “won’t close the door” on a potential presidential bid during an interview on the “Fox News Sunday” program.

“It would be absurd to not consider what it is that I can potentially do to help our country,” she said. “I won’t close the door that perhaps could be open for me in the future.”

Asked why she wouldn’t run for president, the former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee responded that she would.

“I would if I believe that that is the right thing to do for our country and for the Palin family,” she said. “Certainly, I would do so.”

Palin, 45, said she is receiving daily e-mail briefings on domestic and foreign policy from a group of Washington advisers and that she is more knowledgeable on those topics than in 2008.

“My focus has been enlarged,” she said. “So, I sure as heck better be more astute on these current events, national issues than I was two years ago.”

Palin has been employed as a contributor at Fox News, owned by New York-based News Corp., since January.

The interview’s broadcast came the morning after she criticized President Obama’s first year in office by saying “the list of broken promises is long” during a speech to the Tea Party movement’s inaugural national convention.

The campaign-style speech at a dinner in Nashville was a frontal assault on the administration’s handling of national security and terrorism, even though she stopped short of declaring ambitions for a 2012 presidential bid as her audience chanted “Run Sarah, Run!”

“I am a big supporter of this movement,” she said. “America is ready for another revolution.”

At least five people were killed Sunday in an explosion at the Kleen Energy Systems plant in Middletown, Conn.

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# EXPLOSION ROCKS PLANT

## AT LEAST 5 KILLED, 12 INJURED IN HUGE BLAST AT CONN. FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**MIDDLETOWN, Conn.** An explosion blew apart a power plant under construction as workers purged natural gas lines Sunday, killing at least five people and injuring a dozen or more in a blast that shook homes for miles.

At least 12 people were injured in the explosion at the Kleen Energy Systems plant in Middletown, Conn., about 20 miles south of Hartford. Crews with dogs were still searching the rubble for survivors as darkness fell over the plant, overlooking the Connecticut River.

It wasn’t clear how many people, if any, were still buried. Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano told The Associated Press that 50 to 60 people were in the area at the time of the explosion, but authorities said multiple contractors were working on the project, making it difficult to pinpoint exactly how many people were missing.

“I think a majority of them did survive,” Santostefano said. “Most of them did walk away.”

The explosion happened about 11:17 a.m., he said. Mayor Sebastian Giuliano called it a gas explosion but said the exact cause wasn’t immediately clear.

“It felt almost like a sonic boom,” Giuliano said at an evening news conference.

The search was focusing in part on who was at the plant at

the time of the explosion. Giuliano said 100 to 200 workers would have been there on a typical weekday.

“They’re trying to figure out who was on the job today, and where are they now?” Giuliano said.

The 620-megawatt plant is being built to produce energy primarily using natural gas. Santostefano said workers for the construction company, O&G Industries, were purging the gas lines, a procedure he called a “blow-down,” when the explosion occurred.

The building was still standing, but the blast blew out the sheet metal that covers its sides.

Lynn Hawley, 54, of Hartland, Conn., told The Associated Press that her son, Brian Hawley, 36, is a pipefitter at the plant. He called her from his cell phone to say he was being rushed to Middlesex Hospital.

“He really couldn’t say what happened to him,” she said. “He was in a lot of pain, and they got him into surgery as quickly as possible.”

She said he had a broken leg and was expected to survive.

Officials had not released the conditions of the other injured people by Sunday evening, although they said at least a dozen people had injuries ranging from minor to very serious.



when slightly better weather was expected. AP, GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

## Failure to launch

Clouds prevented space shuttle Endeavour from blasting off Sunday on the last planned night-time shuttle launch, delaying its trip with a final few building blocks for the International Space Station. NASA managers said they would try again Monday,

# 98%

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## Job seeker gets his Facebook out there

I remember landing my first journalism job after college. It was three weeks before graduation, and I drove exactly 89 miles each way on six occasions for interviews.

Even if Facebook and online social networking tools in general existed in (cough, cough) 1995, I probably wouldn't have thought of what Thomas Pardee did. But that said, I think his idea is pretty genius.

Pardee, 22, of Lakeview, paid for self-promotional ads on Facebook and specifically targeted the company he wants to work for most. That means Conde Nast employees may feel like they know Pardee, even though he doesn't work there.

I chatted with Pardee online (of course). Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

For my first job, I called, sent resumes and dressed up for interviews. Times have sure changed.

"Times have changed, but the fundamentals are the same, I think. I'm still calling, sending out resumes and doing interviews—only now, the resumes are e-mailed PDFs or links to my portfolio site, most instant communication is done in short e-mails, tweets or IM sessions, and I've even had interviews take place in front of my webcam via Skype. The Facebook ad was an experiment, and they've certainly created this influx of people looking at my resume, but ultimately, it's the resume that has to do the talking. You still have to do the legwork. I think you always will."

Why Facebook? Why Conde Nast?

"Facebook is a medium that is constantly evolving. Just a few years ago, when I started college, it was a toy. I could barely see its utility. But since then, its growth has created a lot of untapped possibility. I love Conde Nast publications. Details, Wired and Vanity Fair are all magazines I would kill to work for. But I know that untold thousands of other recent graduates have the same dream. To stand out, you've got to think differently."

Have you been having luck?

"I would say that I am having luck. I never expected to be offered a job based on this, but I was hoping to make some contacts. People are looking at my resume and talking about me in connection with something new and interesting."

Do you worry about making a statement as much as you worry about creeping out a potential employer?

"There is a fine line, isn't there? I've been asking some of my contacts what they think about this and the results have been pretty positive. Though the ad could be risky, I think most have seen it as a resourceful way to self-promote. And frankly, those are the people I want to work for, anyway."

I'd love to know what you think about Pardee's path to employment. Tweet me, poke me—just tell me. Bonus points if you take out an ad on Facebook.

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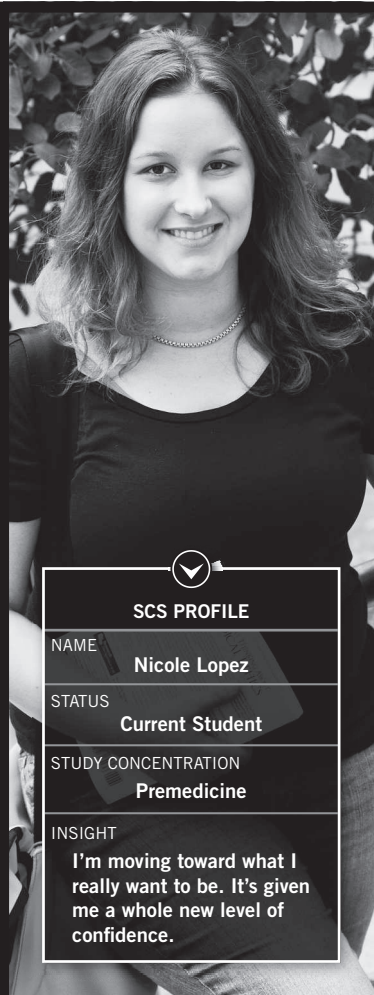
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# Cohen quits the race

## Chicago Tribune

Scott Lee Cohen, the pawnbroker whose surprise victory in last week's Democratic lieutenant governor primary was followed by scandalous revelations about him, quit the race Sunday night at the urging of party leaders.

Cohen made the tearful announcement at the Hop Haus tavern on the Far North Side.

"For the good of the people ... I will resign," he said, adding: "The last thing I ever, ever wanted to do was to put the people of Illinois in jeopardy in any way."

When Cohen became a candidate, he disclosed that a 2005 domestic battery charge against him had been dismissed. It was only after his victory Tuesday that the details became known: His girlfriend at the time, a prostitute, had accused him of holding a knife to her throat but had failed to appear in court, leading to charges being dropped.

More revelations followed last week: Cohen admitted injecting anabolic steroids, was accused of failing to pay child support even while he put at least \$2 million into his campaign, and was identified as the target of dozens of lawsuits over back taxes.

The Tribune reported on its Web site Sunday afternoon that powerful Illinois House speaker and Democratic chairman Michael Madigan met with Cohen on Friday and urged him in a "very direct and very frank" way to drop his candidacy, according to Madigan aide Steve Brown.

Brown said he was unable to characterize Cohen's response to Madigan during the meeting in Madigan's Chicago law office. Brown also said that work will begin soon on selecting a replacement for Cohen in the November election.



A tearful Scott Lee Cohen (center) announced Sunday he is dropping out of the lieutenant governor race after details from his 2005 domestic battery charge came to light last week. Seated with Cohen are his son, Jacob, and his fiancée, Karen Reisman. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE PHOTO

# CTA cuts leave riders out in the cold

## Chicago Tribune

Facing stalled negotiations with union officials on how to resolve a major budget deficit, the Chicago Transit Authority began implementing major service cuts Sunday for the first time in more than a decade.

Joe Ramos, 65, said the delays already affected him when he left his job on the South Side at 3:30 a.m. He said he had to wait two hours for his bus near 44th and Wallace Streets, doubling the normal time. The delay meant he didn't get to his home at Cottage Grove Avenue and 72nd Street until 6 a.m.

## MORE ONLINE

"Going Public" columnist Tracy Swartz talked to CTA riders on the first day of service cuts. Read their comments and share your Monday commuter stories at [redeyechicago.com/goingpublic](http://redeyechicago.com/goingpublic).

"It's ridiculous," Ramos said.

Meanwhile, a winter storm watch was issued for late Monday when up to 10 inches of snow are expected to begin blanketing the Chicago area, officials from the National Weather Service said Sunday.

The snow may cover the area over a 24-hour period beginning late Monday, according to the National Weather Service Web site.

Jamika Bivens, 14, said the CTA delays will really affect her school schedule as well as daily life. Bivens, of the South Side, was waiting for the No. 29 bus on 69th and State Streets.

"You're going to be out too long and then it's going to make you late for your destination," Bivens said.

Mayor Daley has said further fare increases are off the table, and union representatives are balking at contract givebacks. On Sunday, the

union that represents CTA bus drivers said though it will go back to members this week, it doesn't expect to make the kinds of concessions the CTA wants, primarily giving back a 3.5 percent raise and taking up to 18 unpaid days off.

"Right now, I'm not willing to give up anything. It all depends on what direction I get from my membership," said Darrell Jefferson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241. "The contract is something that's been bargained for over 50 years and you just don't reach in there and cherry-pick what you want out of it."



# 'Historic' snowfall buries Mid-Atlantic

## 1 Crash investigation

Investigators plan to talk to other pilots who may have heard communications between two small planes just before they collided Saturday in Colorado, killing all three people aboard, while a glider being towed by one plane cut loose and flew to safety.

## 2 9/11 claims exaggerated?

As the first cases in a massive battle over illnesses linked to 9/11 near trial, an Associated Press investigation has found that several of the initial 30 suits contain inconsistent or exaggerated claims about how the workers got sick or how much time they spent at ground zero.



## 3 Calif. flooding aftermath

Crews waded through thigh-high mud to check for gas leaks and survey damage in the foothills north of L.A. on Sunday as evacuated residents waited to find out if they could return to their homes and start digging out. GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

## 4 Missionary returns

A Korean-American missionary who defiantly crossed a frozen river into North Korea intent on urging a change in its leadership has reunited with his overjoyed family in L.A., silent and downcast after 43 days in the communist nation's custody.



## Geithner: U.S. credit still good

5 Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in an interview Sunday the U.S. "will never" lose its sterling credit

Geithner

rating despite big budget deficits and a newly increased debt limit that now tops \$14 trillion.

## 6 Earthquake rocks Japan

A strong earthquake shook several small islands off Japan's southern coast Sunday, rattling buildings more than 100 miles away in Taiwan and causing officials to temporarily issue a tsunami warning.



## 7 Toyota announcement

Toyota said Sunday that it soon will announce plans to deal with braking problems in its prized Prius hybrid amid reports it has decided to issue a recall for the vehicle in Japan, a possible new embarrassment for the world's biggest automaker.

## 8 WASHINGTON

The Mid-Atlantic U.S. on Sunday began carving a path through the piles of wet, heavy snow in below-freezing temperatures while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work Monday.

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and 2 feet or more in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia got closer to 3 feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways could be icy and treacherous. The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear whether the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in Monday.

Some people without electricity worried whether the power would return in time for Sunday night's Super Bowl kickoff—though it was an afterthought for others just trying to stay warm.

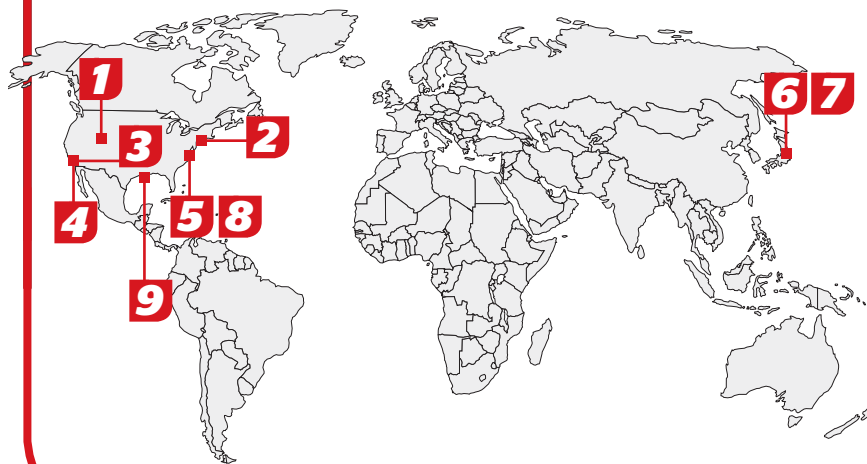
Julia Nickles-Bryan and her husband, Charles Bryan, were more focused on keeping their twin 7-year-old daughters warm inside their Baltimore home—where the thermo-



Washington residents dig out from the snow after an intense blizzard slammed the nation's capital and much of the Mid-Atlantic region over the weekend. AP PHOTO

stat read 47 degrees. All they had to heat the home was a gas stove, gas water heater and a fire in the fireplace.

"We're basically camping," Nickles-Bryan said. Asked if she liked camping, she said, "No."



# New Orleans elects new big kahuna



Landrieu

9 NEWORLEANS Frustrated by term-limited Mayor Ray Nagin's leadership of New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, voters elected Louisiana Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu to succeed him Saturday, turning to a political scion to speed up the city's recovery.

Landrieu, 49, became the majority-black city's first white mayor since 1979, the year his father, Maurice "Moon"

Landrieu, left the office. The mayor-elect, a moderate Democrat, won in a landslide over a field of 10 opponents in a campaign that concluded as Carnival celebrations and preparations for the New Orleans Saints' appearance in the Super Bowl.

Landrieu's victory party was a nod to both: the ballroom of a the Roosevelt hotel—recently reopened after a post-Katrina restoration—was festooned with Saints-themed black and gold balloons. A roving brass band played Mardi Gras tunes and he prefaced his victory speech by leading the crowd in the Saints' "Who Dat" cheer.





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# sports

New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees holds his son, Baylen, after the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV on Sunday. **AP PHOTO**

**SUPER BOWL XLIV: NEW ORLEANS 31, INDIANAPOLIS 17**

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

## UNDERDOG NEW ORLEANS WINS FIRST TITLE

### Chicago Tribune

**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.** The New Orleans Saints, for decades the NFL's lovable losers, used the biggest stage Sunday to answer the question their fans have been asking for 43 years.

Who Dat think they gonna beat them Saints?

The answer: Nobody.

The unbelievable is a reality. The unthinkable has come true. The Saints reached the NFL mountaintop Sunday, knocking off the mighty Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV at Sun Life Stadium.

"Louisiana, by the way of New Orleans, is back!" said Saints owner Tom Benson, standing on a midfield platform and lifting the Lombardi Trophy over his head. "And this shows the whole world!"

The Saints sealed the deal in dramatic fashion, with cornerback Tracy Porter intercepting a Peyton Manning pass and returning it 74 yards for a touchdown with 3 minutes, 12 seconds to play.

That was the only turnover in an otherwise brilliant game pitting the league's two top quarterbacks, Manning and Drew Brees.

Brees was named the game's most valuable player, having completed 32 of 39 passes for 288 with two touchdowns.

The victory marked the greatest moment in the sports history of New Orleans, a city ravaged by the effects of Hurricane Katrina five years ago.

"We had the entire city—and maybe even the entire country—behind us," Brees said. For Porter, it was the second huge play in as many games. He intercepted Brett Favre's pass at the end of regulation to set up the Saints' overtime victory over Minnesota in the NFC championship game.

Porter attributed his pivotal play to "great film study by me, a great jump and a great play."

It meant the world to him, and maybe even more to his home state.

"Words can't describe how much this means for New Orleans," he said. "I am a Louisiana native, and this is real big."



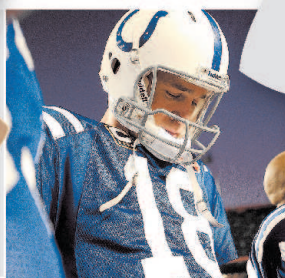
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## Super firsts

There are some clichés, some storylines, some images you just know are going to be overplayed during the Super Bowl broadcast (official start time, 5:25 p.m.). Here are some that RedEye expected to see this year and how long before they made their appearance.



**FIRST PENALTY**  
5:40 p.m.



**FIRST SHOT OF PEYTON MANNING STUDYING IN-GAME PHOTOS**  
5:44 p.m.



**FIRST THE WHO SONG PLAYED**  
"Won't Get Fooled Again"  
5:49 p.m.  
in a promo

**FIRST BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE TRAILER**  
"Robin Hood"  
5:51 p.m.

**FIRST BRETT FAVRE MENTION**  
6:22 p.m., in a commercial



# It's a Brees

**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.** Drew Brees was pushed, provoked, pressured and flat-out pummeled at times during Super Bowl XLIV.

But no matter how hard or often the Colts defense—which featured elite but injured pass rusher Dwight Freeney—got after the Saints' accurate quarterback, Brees kept coming. And that's a big reason Brees was named the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player on Sunday.

Brees kept getting up. He kept waiting until the last possible second to throw the ball. And dart after dart, the four-time Pro Bowl pick kept piercing the Colts' defense.

"I tried to imagine what this moment could be like for a long time, and it's better than I imagined," Brees said. "It was all meant to be. All destiny." **TRIBUNE**



Peyton Manning reacts to his late interception Sunday. **GETTY IMAGES**



Indianapolis receiver Austin Collie is tripped up by New Orleans safety Darren Sharper during the first quarter Sunday. **MCT**

## AthTweets

Everyone watches the Super Bowl, even pro athletes. What did they think of the game as it unfolded? Twitter tells us.

### Jennie Finch

**@jfinch27**

*Pro softball player*

Awe, ugh! Excited for Saints, but my heart hurts for Peyton! I'm rooting black & gold but I'm a big Manning fan too!

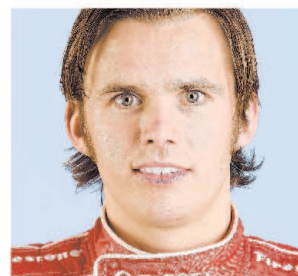


### Dan Wheldon

**@danwheldon**

*IndyCar driver*

Hey, I love the Colts, I just think a Super Bowl win would be great for the city and the people of New Orleans!!!

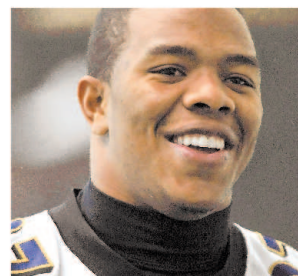


### Ray Rice

**@RayRice27**

*Baltimore Ravens running back*

We going to the Super Bowl next year I can't take this



### Alex Brown

**@alexbrown96**

*Bears defensive end*

Huge!!!!!! That may have sealed it for the saints! Who would have guessed the saints would be world champs! It's not over yet but close.



# Mike Ditka's dance party

When it comes to nightlife, the first few days of Super Bowl week are like the opening act. The weekend is the headliner. With each passing day the parties, the crowds and the celebs get bigger, and it all comes to a head Friday and Saturday night.

I started my weekend at the Ritz for Mike Ditka's Gridiron Greats dinner, an elegant event that raises money for retired players in financial need. The partygoers were treated to a performance by Jamie Foxx. Nothing beats Ditka, bum leg and all, cutting a rug to "Blame It On The Alcohol."

After dinner I headed to the ESPN Next party with Bears cornerback Zack Bowman, and Philadelphia Eagles Brent Celek, Kevin Kolb and Todd Herremans. Keri Hilson and Ne-Yo performed to a massive crowd by the pool at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

While big-name NFLers like Larry Fitzgerald and Donovan McNabb mingled with the crowd, D-list stars Nick Lachey, Vanessa Minnillo and Audrina Patridge posted up at tables, protected by ropes and bodyguards. Comedy.

After just a few hours sleep, it was time to start back up again Saturday. I started my day at the Marquis Jets party at the Eden Roc Hotel, then hung out with Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio and a handful of players at the pool at the Delano. That night I ended up back at the Eden Roc, site of Thursday's epic Snoop Dogg performance, for night three of the 944 Magazine/Diageo parties.

Wyclef put on a killer show, playing to a packed room for almost four hours. He was joined onstage by LL Cool J, Shaggy and a handful of Haitian-born musicians. After the show, it was time for the Cuervo Platino penthouse party, the prime after-hours spot for guys like Jason Sehorn, Eli Manning, Brett Ratner and others. Come 5 a.m., it was time to hit the sack and rest up for the big game.

Another Super Bowl week in the books, and it's back to snowy Chicago early Monday.



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as he got taped on the bench

**FIRST 'WHO DAT?' UTTERED**  
7:28 p.m.  
after the Saints take a 13-10 lead



**FIRST BEAD-WEARING SAINTS FAN**  
8:44 p.m.,  
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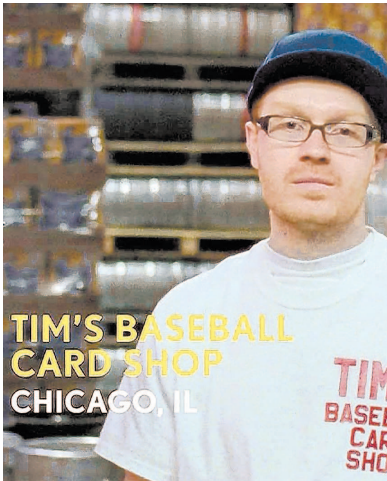
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# Attention span

Love the Super Bowl or hate it, you must admit America’s favorite lounging holiday gives us plenty to talk about. Here are the things people will be buzzing about around the water cooler Monday. **REDEYE**



**9 Tim's time**  
During a Miller High Life commercial featuring small businesses across America, Tim's Baseball Card Shop in Lincoln Square is featured. Hey Tim, how much is a Milton Bradley rookie card going for nowadays?

**8 Super overused**  
CBS loves its high-tech stuff, apparently. That must be why the network used its super-slo-mo Super Vision so many times. OK, we get it, you can make plays move really, really slowly. Thank God it wasn't used during The Who's performance.

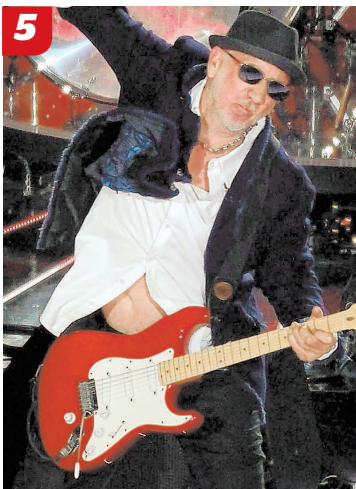


Letterman and Jay Leno sat on a couch with Oprah Winfrey, who played peacemaker. The fact that it was an ad for Letterman's show and it was kept under wraps made it even sweeter.

**6 Tiger beat**  
Anyone shocked that CBS did not use the spotlight to trumpet its Masters coverage? The ad that aired just after the start of the fourth quarter was devoid of its standard footage of Tiger Woods. Maybe CBS just doesn't want to remind people its money train might not be there.



**10 Pick 6**  
Who would have thought the game-sealing play would come as a result of a Peyton Manning interception? Tracy Porter stepped in front of a pass intended for Indianapolis' Reggie Wayne and returned it for a touchdown to give New Orleans an insurmountable 31-17 lead. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**



the flashy light show stage on which the rockers performed was cool.

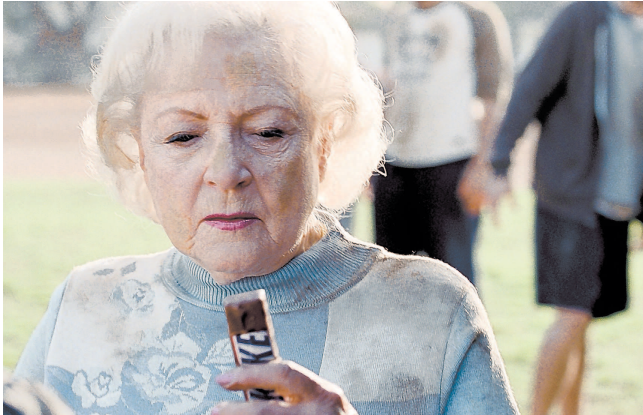
**1 Presidential pick**  
President Obama, in a pregame interview with CBS' Katie Couric, said he respects the Colts players, but he has a soft spot in his heart for the Saints. He reminded Couric that his beloved Bears were defeated by the Colts in Super Bowl XLI. Argh, thanks for that reminder.



**2 Mean Latifah**  
Queen Latifah's version of "America the Beautiful" might have been the worst singing performance at a sporting event since Roseanne Barr botched (and crotched) "The Star Spangled Banner" in 1990.



**3 Bears, reshuffled**  
The re-imagining of "The Super Bowl Shuffle" was just as bad as fans feared, with Jim McMahon rapping about "my tight end in a cheetah-print thong." The name also was changed to "The Boost Mobile Shuffle." The full version is available at [unwronged.com](http://unwronged.com), but don't.



**4 White out**  
Betty White got the starring role in a prime, first-quarter commercial for Snickers, cementing her status as the octogenarian actress of the moment. Plus, Abe Vigoda!



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# Super duper

Everything about Sunday was super, super, super. That is, until these five walked in. [redyechicago.com/5on5](http://redyechicago.com/5on5).



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1 What should the Monday after the Super Bowl be called?	Tuesday.	Nipple Shield Reconsideration Day.	Marinelli's Miracle Monday. Really, who else gets promoted after failing?	Leave Me Alone, I'm Hung Over and Just Lost \$200 on the Game Day.	I have a name for it, but it's not printable.
2 How was Sunday's Super Bowl like the one three years ago in Miami featuring the Bears and Colts?	During both weeks, I was arrested for solicitation.	For one more week, the city became the massage therapy capital of the world.	Yet again, Mother Nature was threatening to rain on NFL commish Roger Goodell's parade.	In 2007, "who dat" meant "Dat's Rex Grossman throwing the game-losing interception!"	The Bears didn't show up.
3 Why didn't Richard Dent make the NFL Hall of Fame?	Dent's vow not to be part of a group that would have O.J. Simpson as a member.	Apparently the Hall values only sad-sacks. Paging Brett Favre ...	Like Dent would in his heyday, the committee felt it should take off this series of plays.	The NFL wanted him to go in wearing an Expos hat, so he declined.	Because, like Rod Marinelli, the voters don't understand the intricacies of an NFL defense.
4 How disappointed are you the Bliss didn't win the Lingerie Football League title Saturday?	Somehow, I still found the game satisfying.	What are you gonna do? Every booty gave their all.	I was so upset that I challenged them all to a pillow fight. Still waiting on a response.	No biggie. I'm here to console and will show them what real Bliss is all about.	I so wanted them to show us their blitz.
5 What's going on in Tyrus Thomas' head?	He's asking himself, "What would Milton Bradley do?"	An unedited transcript that would make Patti Blagojevich's ears burn.	A circus featuring penguins and a dancing polar bear.	Hmmm. He cursed out Vinny for being incompetent? Tyrus is smarter than I thought.	This:


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The Flames try not to get burned by the Crusaders. Not like in the Middle Ages, though.

**NBA****San Antonio**  
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If there's a chance to watch Kobe lose, I'm there. Yeah, I've got Kobe beef.

**NORTHWESTERN 78, INDIANA 61**

# Wildcats dominate



Northwestern's John Shurna (left) shoots over Indiana's Christian Watford during Sunday's game. AP PHOTO

Here's how you know it's not the same old Northwestern basketball: The Wildcats started Sunday's game with a thunderous dunk and closed out the first half with a big-time slam.

Here's also how you know: This was NU's third consecutive victory over Indiana, and the Wildcats don't consider that a big deal.

"No, I didn't know it until you said it," coach Bill Carmody told a reporter.

Northwestern has a larger, more obvious goal. And this 78-61 victory was another solid step toward an NCAA tournament bid. "We're in a stretch where we have to win four, five [or] six in a row," Carmody said. "I like where we are right now."

NU swingman Jeremy Nash was more bold: "We know we can challenge any team in the country. ... The thing about this team is, everyone can do something special."

Northwestern improved to 16-7 overall and 5-6 in the Big Ten by jumping out to a 21-6 lead and keeping the Hoosiers at arm's length.

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#### YEAH!

[This bar is] much different than other bars in Wicker Park. Very good tacos and simple Mexican food. No TVs, which is refreshing. —  
*AceAnderson, Wicker Park*

#### MEH.

The reality of the place does not hold up to the marketing hype around it. Anyone can bill themselves as a true honky tonk-inspired bar with authentic Mexican, but the proof is in the pudding, and this place falls short. —  
*emar27, Ukrainian Village*

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#### YEAH!

The place is cute, with a mix of vintage and modern. The service was also really good. I will definitely be back! —  
*Rasmoses, West Town*

#### MEH.

I enjoyed the food very much, but the prices have to be lower in order for this place to survive. —  
*Lb1 from West Village*

### Touch

1622 W. Belmont Ave. 773-883-8888

Ordering your drink from a thousands-strong database on an oversized touch screen is the main bragging point at this Lakeview bar. Since its late December opening, curious drinkers have stopped in to find out whether technology and liquor mix.

#### YEAH!

Love the interactive tables! It was a lot of fun to play the games, flirt with other tables and browse through the thousands of drinks. They don't have a dance floor, but there is a decent-sized area to dance to the great music they were playing. —  
*ccrytser from Palatine*

#### MEH.

There is nothing too spectacular about this bar. Yes, it's nice to have interactive tables, but they are just like oversized iPod Touches with no cool applications. —  
*Pezkoreaddic from NW Indiana*



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### Lockdown Bar & Grill

1024 N. Western Ave. 773-451-5625

This 2-week-old Ukrainian Village bar has gone a bit out there with its concept, taking on a prison theme and calling itself a "virtual venue," airing concert DVDs nightly. But look past the fog machine and menu items named after crimes to find a familiar combo: burgers and beer.

#### YEAH!

Finally, a great burger place around Wicker Park. Giant patties, creative concoctions and a very good beer list. Interesting theme too. [I'm] not going to be bored with televisions everywhere and cycling rock concert DVDs. —  
*Burgerboy2010, Logan Square*

#### MEH.

[I] was really excited about a new place but can't stand the name. What does being in jail have to do with a live concert experience? We have Felony Franks up the street and now Lockdown? I hope that it does well, but the name and the look are unfortunately tacky. —  
*JY, Bucktown*

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### Valentine's deals

Geja's Cafe,  
340 W. Armitage Ave.  
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Love is already in the air at this Lincoln Park stalwart, offering discounts for married couples (Monday), free carriage rides with dinner (Wednesday) and a prix-fixe menu (Saturday-Sunday). 5 p.m. Prices vary.

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Toast the Year of the Tiger with a prix-fixe menu of traditional Chinese fare served family style with sides and dessert. 5 p.m. Through Feb. 15. \$45.

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### 'Saturday Night Fever'

Music Box, 3733 N.  
Southport Ave.

See John Badham's 1977 disco flick starring John Travolta in tight pants. Greg Kot and Jim DeRogatis, rock critics and hosts of WBEZ-FM 91.5 "Sound Opinions," host. \$8-\$10: [soundopinions.org](http://soundopinions.org)

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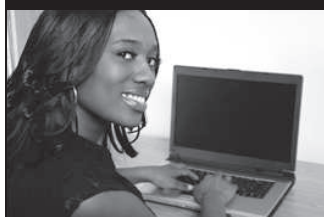
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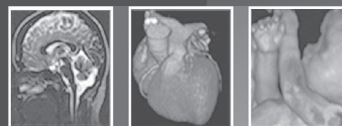
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# Common purpose

Chicago native busy juggling charity work, movie career

By Kyra Kyles | REDEYE

In the weeks since a magnitude 7.0 earthquake ravaged Haiti, celebs have been lining up to lend their wattage—and wallets—to the cause.

From an MTV telethon put on by George Clooney and Wyclef Jean on Jan. 22 to Radiohead's sold-out benefit concert Jan. 24, Hollywood has hustled for Haiti relief.

On Monday, rapper/actor/author Common is set to join that constellation of stars giving back.

The native South Sider is slated to appear, and perform at least one song, at a local fundraising concert and telethon at the megachurch House of Hope on the city's South Side.

Common will be joined by other local entertainers in the effort, including comic George Wilborn and poet J. Ivy, as well as politicians Mayor Daley, Gov. Quinn, and House of Hope founder and state Sen. James Meeks.

RedEye caught up with Common before he came to town to check in with him about his hopes for Haiti relief. We also asked him about other upcoming music and film projects.

**So many celebrities are doing much for Haiti. What drove you to work with this particular concert at House of Hope?**

Being that it's based in Chicago and knowing that it's a group of people who are already prominent in the community and out to help people in the Chicago community, I know it's a sincere effort for them to raise money and awareness about Haiti and gather up the community for Haiti.

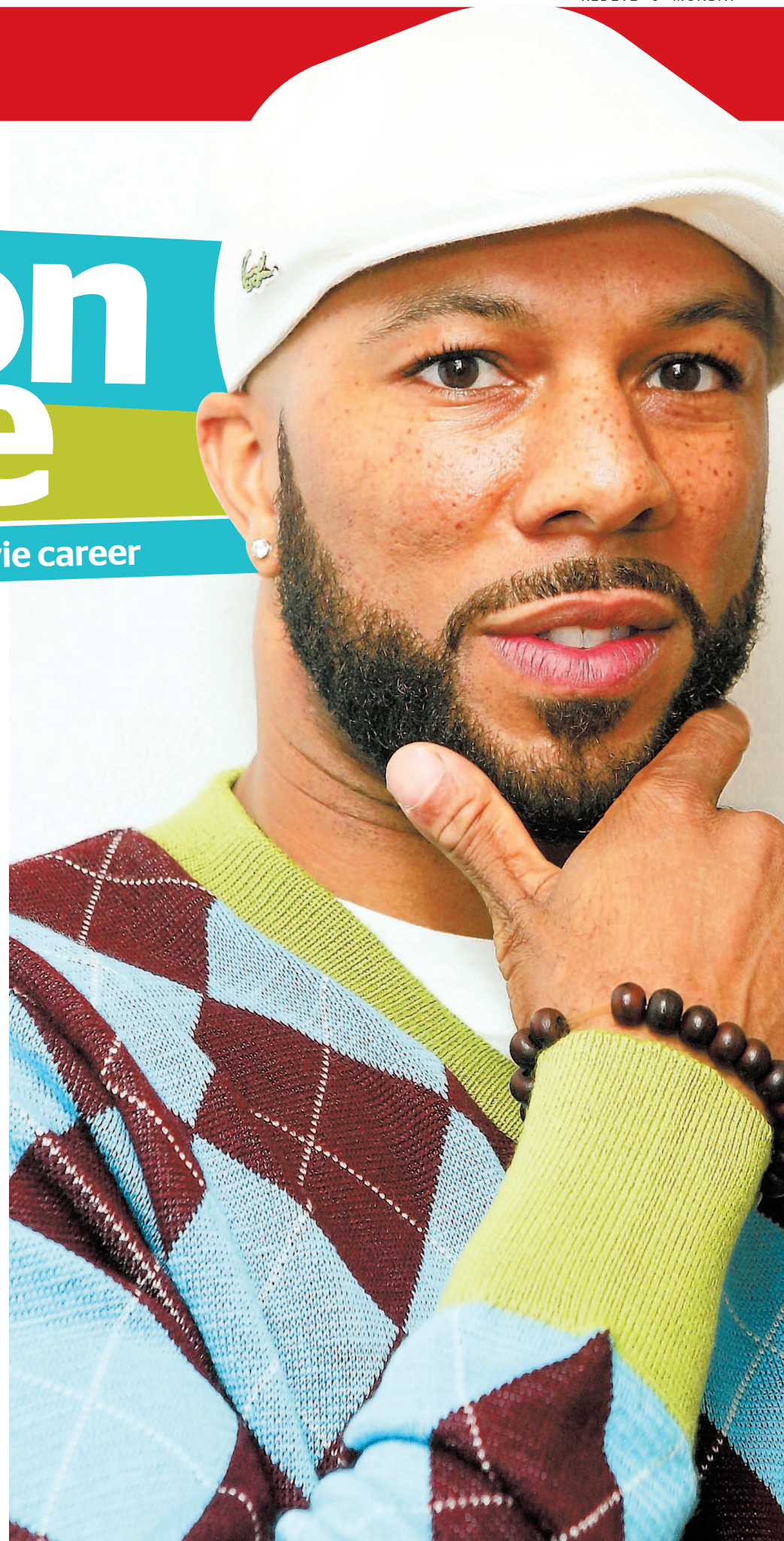
**We understand you're also re-establishing some old Chicago ties in your upcoming album "The Believer." What does that title**

**mean? I know you always have deep meanings behind these things ...**

First and foremost, it has to do with God. God is the source of the reason I'm continuing to grow in this entertainment industry. One of the second things is believing ... believing in God and believing in yourself. That's pretty much the meaning behind the title. Seriously, if I were to have a superhero name, that's who I'd be. I'm "The Believer."

**When will we be able to hear it?**

I'm gearing up for a release in the fall of this year.







**You went old school on this one and tapped some of your Chicago connections on production: *Twilight* and *No I.D.*, former producers from early in your career. What inspired you to work with them again?**

It's really like a way of going home again. Going to the essence of how we began and it's what people say, full circle.

**Wait, when some artists say "full circle," that means they're about to retire. You're not about to ...**

No, that's not it. Sometimes you start new cycles, but even in new cycles you go to the beginning. [No I.D., *Twilight* and I] are all at a musical place, we all have a certain vision for what we want to hear and create. Collectively, I feel those talented producers will bring the best out of me. They'll bring what the people would like to hear out of me.

**Will this take away from your film focus? I know last time we talked, while you were working on "Terminator Salvation," you said you wanted to focus on acting. How are you balancing both?**

I think [film and music] have been able to enhance each other in certain ways. It brings freedom to my writing and toward my music career. I don't have as much responsibility to make music only to make a living, though it was never for me about just making a living. For me, I like creating so much and I like to do it whether it's in film or in music. It's a pleasure to make music to fill a void that people want and need.

**But with your other gift: What films are you working on?**

I have a film called "Just Right," co-starring Queen Latifah. I play an NBA basketball player and Latifah is a physical therapist and Paula Patton and I are dating. I'm basically on top of the world, then I face a career-threatening injury. Latifah eventually becomes my physical therapist just when Paula's character is contemplating leaving me. It's a great story ... a love story and fun.

**When does "Just Right" come out?**

That should be due out sometime in the summer, but also, I'm part of the film "Date Night" that features Tina Fey and Steve Carell. I am playing a

police officer that's chasing them ... a bad police officer.

**Oh no, a bad cop? Like a "Training Day" kind of cop?**

[Laughs] Well, kind of, but no because the tone is not "Training Day." I'm a bad guy, but it's funny. You'll see. The movie is out April 9.

**Sounds like you have quite a few projects in the works. Last time we talked, we discussed your role in "Terminator Salvation," and how you were hoping it would raise your Hollywood profile. Do you think that happened?**

[Pauses] No, not with "Terminator," but I do feel like as a body of work, I've been building that cachet and that name and increasing the value of who I am as an actor. "Terminator" didn't turn out the way we all wanted it to, as far as domestic success. But I do feel it expanded me to where I could get another role in a franchise blockbuster. I had the pluses and experience of working with those great people, and it was a lot of fun. But my goal is to be at the Will Smith and Denzel Washington level; I'm still reaching for that.

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**COMMON**

Chicago hip-hop artist Common will perform Monday at a South Side church as part of a fundraiser to benefit Haiti.

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## HELP FROM CHICAGO

Local rappers, singers and rockers have offered their talents to raise funds for Haiti earthquake victims. Here's a RedEye roundup of what some Chi-town stars have contributed to the cause:



### GLC and Rhymefest

Chicago rhymers GLC and Rhymefest (above) were among the stars that came out for the Jan. 31 "Every Drop Counts" concert at Reggie's Rock Club in the South Loop. The rappers joined emerging artists FM Supreme and Deja K. Taylor, plus underground icon Jean Grae and others to raise approximately \$7,000 for water filtration equipment for Haiti, according to co-organizer and poet Kristen Beauford, aka KrisDeLaRash. The amount will be matched by the World Water Relief, organization, according to Beauford.



### Pete Wentz

Wentz appeared on CNN's "Haiti: How You Can Help Now" telethon Jan. 18 and explained to viewers how donations to UNICEF will be used to help victims of the earthquake.



### Jeremih

The "Birthday Sex" singer joined other performers—including Gloria Estefan, Ludacris and India. Arie—for a BET telethon on Friday. "SOS Saving Ourselves—Help for Haiti" aimed to raise funds for the Yele Haiti, CARE, Project MediShare and Children's Safe Drinking Water charities, according to a BET spokeswoman.



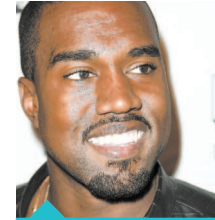
### Jennifer Hudson

The Oscar winner sang "Let It Be" during the Jan. 22 Haiti telethon backed by George Clooney and Wyclef Jean. The telethon—which also featured performances by Beyonce, Chris Martin, Jay-Z and U2's Bono and the Edge—raised approximately \$61 million, according to Rolling Stone.



### Lupe Fiasco

The West Side MC donated his new song "Resurrection" to the "Download to Donate for Haiti compilation." Donations aren't required to download the song, but organizers ask that visitors give what they can at [musicforelief.org](http://musicforelief.org), the Tribune reported.



### Kanye West

West was among the rappers tapped to re-record "We Are the World," with proceeds going to help Haiti. A "marathon" recording session took place in the same studio as the original 25-year-old recording on the night after the Grammy Awards, according to MTV. The song will premiere Friday on NBC, Reuters reported.



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## Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

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## Aries

March 21-April 19

You could experience a crash collision with reality, thanks to Mercury. You'll suddenly see that you're just in lust with that certain someone, and it's that loyal friend who has been at your side who is your true soulmate.



## Taurus

April 20-May 20

Everybody has an opinion about your sex life. Your mom thinks you should have three kids by now. Your best friend lectures you about all your past romantic failures. Pluto says tell them to go [bleep] themselves.



## Gemini

May 21-June 21

Air signs like you are notoriously hard to pin down. You're happy to hang out with someone, but you rarely think about the future. Your current partner might be at the stage where he or she requires a commitment. The moon says be true to yourself.



## Cancer

June 22-July 22

Sometimes you can be too conservative in the bedroom. You expect your one technique to work forever. A moon opposition is revealing how wrong you are. Spice things up.



## Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

You're hardly the shy type, but Mercury is making you tongue-tied this week. You'll accidentally confess to your girlfriend that yes, those

jeans make her look fat; you'll tell your guy you don't mind that he's going bald. Make sure you locate the "edit" button.



## Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You'll have a lot of chances to meet somebody new, thanks to a social moon. Too bad you're too busy to care. Your flirtation switch is off right now as you focus on work. At least give that cute acquaintance a rain check.



## Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You could enjoy a meaningful discussion with someone who isn't on your usual dating radar. You'll connect on so many levels that you'll find yourself wondering if this person is a soulmate. Saturn is bringing cool people into your life who are from your "tribe."



## Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21

Jupiter is putting you in a no-nonsense mode. You won't tolerate people treating you like garbage or dating partners condescending to you. You'll make demands this week and that certain someone in your life had better give in.



## Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're toying with someone's affections. Fire signs like you flirt just to avoid boredom. The moon has you offering an attractive friend suggestive comments, sexual innuendoes and bedroom invitations. Avoid breaking someone's heart just because you need a distraction.



## Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

As Mercury moves out of your sign, ending a period of frenetic activity, take a mental health break. Schedule a weekend getaway with your lover. Visit friends out of town. Do something to break out of your usual routine.

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## Snooki lands on our shores

Several onlookers crowded around the VIP section at Manor nightclub (642 N. Clark St.) on Friday hoping to get a glimpse of "Jersey Shore" star Snooki when she entered her security-guarded area around 11:30 p.m.

The hip club patrons and their camera phones would have to wait, however, as Nicole Polizzi briefly conducted an interview out of the crowd's sight with a not-so-hip newspaper columnist, a.k.a. me. Sorry.

Snooki, who was in Chicago for the first time, told me this is what her life has become ever since "Jersey Shore" became a ratings juggernaut for MTV.

"I did Leno [on Thursday]—it was my third time doing it," Snooki said. "It was another day for me, like 'I'm going to Leno, whatever.' Next I'm doing George Lopez again. This is my life."

On Friday morning, Snooki was in Philadelphia for an appearance at the 18th annual Wing Bowl, an eating contest that I can only hope is as classy as it sounds. She was heavily booed when she appeared on the Wachovia Center big screen and returned the favor by flipping off the crowd of about 20,000.

"I was like 'What the hell?'" Snooki said. "I guess my New York side came out and I kind of gave the finger. I regret it. I

feel bad. I apologize. I know Philly really wanted me there."

Before the cast of "Jersey Shore" signed on for a second season of the reality show you either love or hate, there were rumors MTV had replacements on deck if the cast members didn't agree to its contract offer. We don't know who these replacements were or if MTV was bluffing, but Snooki has a good idea what a show with a new cast would've been like.

"I honestly think if they would have gotten a new cast it would have been fake," Snooki said. "They would have tried to be us. They would have tried to outdo us. It wouldn't have worked and MTV knew that."

After Snooki and I took a picture together following the interview, the self-proclaimed "guidette" asked to see the camera so she could look at the photo. The verdict?

"Cute," she said.



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Adult film star Jesse Jane has a message for those of you who frequent free porn Web sites: Shame on you.

"Last year was the first year the industry ever suffered due to piracy and the free tube sites on the Internet," said Jane, who appeared at Enclave (220 W. Chicago Ave.) on Saturday. "I don't think any [adult film] companies are doing as well as

before. A lot of smaller companies are gone."

"We're trying to put an end to the tube sites. We make our content exclusive and have teams looking out for our product so it doesn't show up on free tube Web sites. And we're always creating new stuff. Once you get people to your site, you have to make sure you keep them." Good to know.

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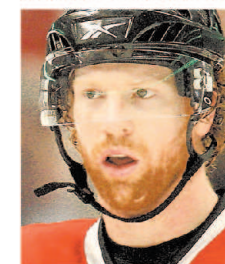
### SIGHTINGS

» Snooki dined at N9NE steakhouse Friday and hung out at RiNo following her Manor appearance.



» Comedian Bill Bellamy, who ran into Snooki at RiNo, was spotted at The Underground on Thursday and Saturday.

### ABOUT THIS WEEK



» The Blackhawks' Brian Campbell hosts a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament for his charity, Campbell For Kids, on Wednesday at the Horseshoe Casino.

» "Jersey Shore" cast member Vinny Guadagnino is set to appear at Energy nightclub Thursday.



» Nick Cannon DJs at The Underground on Saturday while in town for wife Mariah Carey's two shows at the Chicago Theatre.

» Brody Jenner appears at Enclave on Saturday.





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# red hot

## Stretching his acting muscle

Taylor Lautner has tackled the subtle nuance of being a teen werewolf. His next acting feat: The subtle nuance of being a 1980s stretchy action figure. Lautner has signed on to become Stretch Armstrong in the 3-D movie, according to **msnbc.com**. A spokesperson for Universal Pictures says, "He brings the perfect balance of energy and athleticism to the role of an unlikely superhero with a fantastic superpower."

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## Heaven in seven

"Avatar" was No. 1 for seven straight weekends, the longest streak since "Titanic." How many weekends did "Titanic" finish No. 1? Text "**top**" followed by the number of your choice below to **87708**. We'll send you a message telling you if you are correct.

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### Crow morphs into cougar

Sheryl Crow is moving into "Cougar Town." The Grammy-winning singer/songwriter, 47, has scored a recurring role on the ABC comedy as the love interest of Josh Hopkins' character, who lives next door to Courteney Cox's cougar lady, **usmagazine.com** reports.



### Not buying it, Bullock

Sandra Bullock insists she won't be holding an Academy Award next month. "I'm so not winning an Oscar," Bullock, who received her first-ever nomination, said at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival over the weekend. "Nine times out of 10 I always pick who's going to win. And I already know who's going to win." Bullock, of course, already has most of the best actress awards this season.

### The marrying kind

Hopefully Carrie Prejean's latest endeavor won't be quite so scandal-laden. The ex-Miss California got engaged Saturday to St. Louis Rams quarterback Kyle Boller, "E! News" reports. The two began dating in July as Prejean and her sexual cavorting drew lots of attention.

### 'Idol' speculation

"American Idol" must be looking for some serious snark. The New York Post reports producers are courting Howard Stern as a possible replacement for Simon Cowell when the show's current meanie exits at the end of the season. Stern would take a slight pay cut, assuming he'd get Cowell's \$50 million-per-season deal; he makes \$100 million a year with Sirius radio.



### THE DIGIT

**\$32.4 million**

Amount that "Dear John" took in during the weekend, knocking "Avatar" out of the No. 1 spot at the box office after a seven-week run.

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